



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEREAS, children are our greatest resource and the brightest hope for the future of our state and nation; and

WHEREAS, the family is the cornerstone of our society and the unit by which we transmit the values and traditions of the past, and is the primary agent which prepares our children to become productive citizens; and

WHEREAS, every child, regardless of physical, medical, or emotional disabilities, age or race, has the right to a permanent, caring family and the opportunity to grow in a secure environment; and

WHEREAS, adoption is a loving and viable way of building a family and providing stability for children who need families; and

WHEREAS, birth parents, who make the difficult decision to place their children with adoptive families, and adoptive parents, who open their hearts and homes to children, all deserve community support and respect; and

WHEREAS, Adoption Awareness Month is a time for all Idahoans to reflect on the dreams of those children who wait for a permanent family, and those families who desire the joys and responsibilities on parenthood; and

WHEREAS, over the last five years, Idaho's adoption professionals have found adoptive families for 468 waiting children, but our work is not done;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim November 2002, to be

ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH

in Idaho, and I encourage all Idahoans to recognize this event.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this nineteenth day of November in the year of our Lord two-thousand and two and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-seventh and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred thirteenth.

A handwritten signature of Dirk Kempthorne in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

DIRK KEMPTHORNE
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature of Pete T. Cenarrusa in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

PETE T. CENARRUSA
SECRETARY OF STATE